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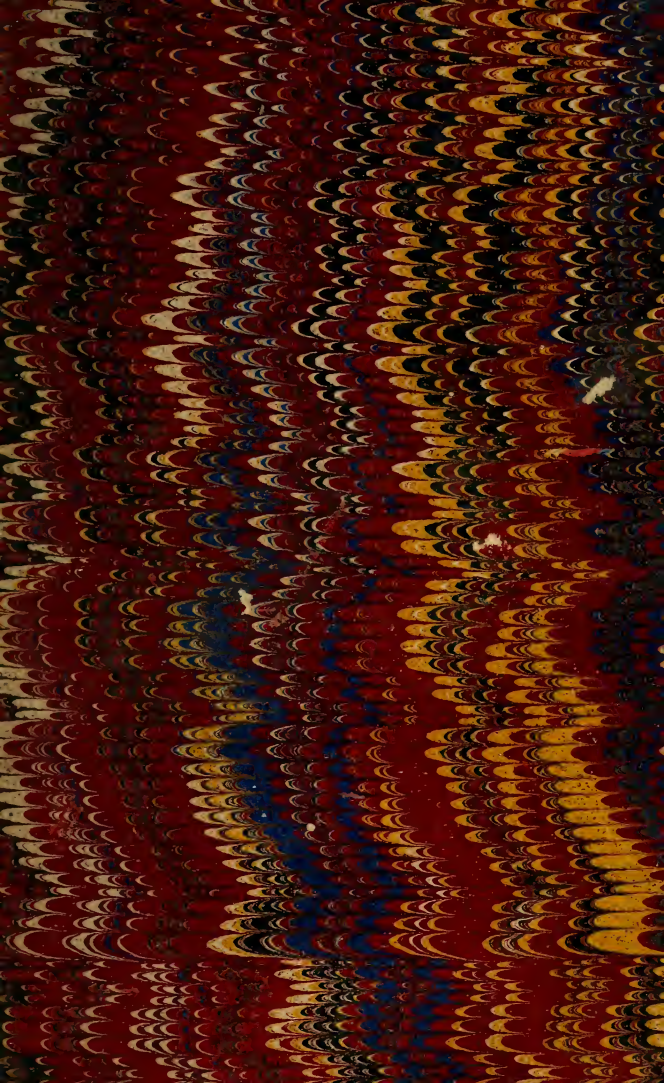


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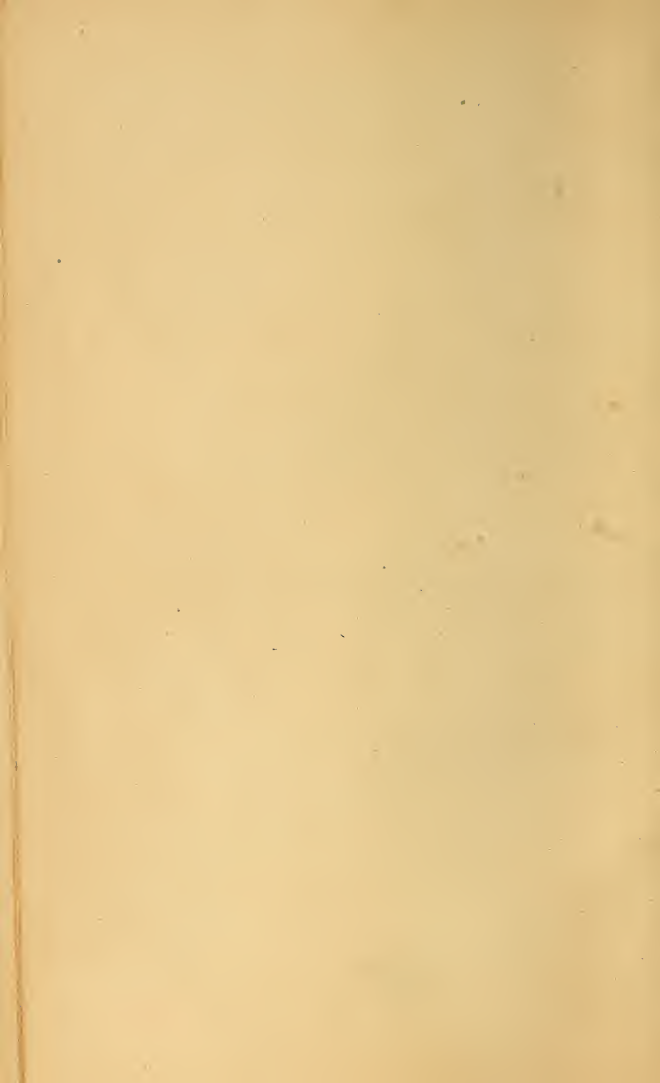














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# CONSTITUTION

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## PREFACE.

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SACRED HISTORY informs us that all men are sojourners and pilgrims here, and in a benighted land, and subject to all the frailties and ills of life; at any moment liable to be thrown upon the bed of affliction; dangers stand thick and fast through all the land to hurry us to the tomb; while fierce diseases wait around to hurry us poor mortals home:

Therefore, we do agree to the one thing needful—the objects of this Society shall be to establish Union, Friendship, Fellowship, Holiness, Happiness, Purity, Harmony, Peace, Safety, Temperance, Faith, Charity; and they that will come and unite with us we will do them good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel, and no good thing will He withhold from the upright in heart.

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS,

*Adopted for the Subordinate Lodges, by the Supreme Grand Council, at January Communication, 1872.*

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## ARTICLE I.

*Section 1.* Constitution of the Subordinate Tabernacle of the G. A. U. S. H. of Israel of the U. S. of A , or the world at large.

*Sec. 2.* This Institution shall be known by the style and title and number of the A. U. S. H. of Israel, and shall have full power to work as a subordinate Tabernacle under the Constitution and By-Laws, Grand Laws, Supreme Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Supreme Council.

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## ARTICLE II.

*Section 1.* The officers of the subordinate Tabernacles shall consist of the following: M. R. W. A. Superior Master, M. R. W. A. Presiding Master, Select Master, Mother of Israel, Queen Saints, Queen Virgins, Chief High Priest, Prince and King, Chaplain Scribe, Financial and Recording Scribes, Treasurer, Master of Arms, Marshal and Conductor, two Stewards, Out and Inside Sentinels—making in all twenty. Seven members shall constitute a quorum to do business, providing the Supreme Master Scribe be present.

### ARTICLE III.—*Meeting of S. T.*

*Section 1.* Each and every Tabernacle shall meet twice a month, and special meetings when deemed necessary and appointed by the S. Master.

*Sec. 2.* Presiding officers shall have power to determine the hours of meeting during the various seasons of the year.

*Sec. 3.* Seven members of good standing in a S. T. may apply for a special meeting in writing, stating the cause and object for the same, and if the M. R. W. A. Superior Master sees fit, in his wise judgment, may grant it unto them.

*Sec. 4.* Sub-Tabernacle elections shall take place quarterly, in March, June, September and December of each and every year. S. T. officers shall be installed on or before the 4th of each stated month. Any S. T. failing to install their officers on the above stated time shall pay the fine of \$2.50.

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### ARTICLE IV.—*Election of Officers.*

*Section 1.* All elective officers shall be balloted for. Seven black balls appearing against an officer three times, he shall be declared rejected, likewise candidates for membership.

*Sec. 2.* Any member elected and failing to come forward for three successive meetings, for installation, shall forfeit his office, unless a lawful excuse be given for such neglect; and if there be one appointed to serve the term, the appointee shall have the full honors of the office.

*Sec. 3.* Any candidates failing to come forward for two months for initiation shall forfeit the same,

also the fees. If a candidate be rejected, the money, on application, shall be refunded.

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## ARTICLE V.

*Section 1.* No alteration or amendment can be made to this Constitution or By-Laws. Any Tabernacle wishing an amendment to be made, shall present the same in writing, first to the Temple House, and if they approve of it, from thence it shall go to the G. S. Council, and if there approved of, it shall become a law.

*Sec. 2.* Candidates on being initiated into this Order shall pay the sum of 25 cents as the initiation fee. The M. R. W. A. S. M. shall pay out of the same to the Voucher 10 cents, to the East Court 10 cents, and to the Temple or to the M. R. W. A. G. S. Council 5 cents.

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## ARTICLE VI.—*Degrees of the Order.*

*Section 1.* Any members wishing to take the degrees of the Order must apply to their Lodge and receive duplicates thereof. No members shall be entitled to duplicates unless they have been in membership one month and square on the books in membership.

*Sec. 2.* Each degree shall cost the sum of 50 cents up to the seventh degree, which shall be \$1.00.

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## ARTICLE VII.—*Sick Benefits.*

*Section 1.* When there are thirty members worth \$5.00 in a Sub-Tabernacle, in case of sickness and by sending in their card they shall receive half of

their week's aid, immediately, or within twenty-four hours after receipt of card.

*Sec. 2.* And when there are thirty members worth \$10.00 each, in case of sickness they shall receive \$5.00 per week for four weeks; \$2.50 per week for eight weeks; and if their disabilities continue, they shall receive the sum of \$1.25 per week so long as there is a surplus above the standing funds.

*Sec. 3.* The standing fund for half aid shall be \$150 and for full aid \$300.

*Sec. 4.* When a sick member's dues or arrearages to the Tabernacle amount to less than \$1.50, fines and taxes included, the amount of arrearages shall be deducted from the first week's aid. But if a member owes more than \$1.50, such member shall be considered non-beneficial, and will not be entitled to receive aid from the Society.

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## ARTICLE VIII.—*Distress Benefits.*

*Section 1* Any financial members in good standing in their Tabernacle, and finding themselves in a distressed or penniless condition, can, by bringing three responsible members as security or bond, make an application to the Tabernacle to which they belong and receive from \$5 to \$20.

*Sec. 2* The members that stand bond for her or him shall be responsible to pay back the said amount to the Tabernacle within the limits of thirty to ninety days, adding thereto 6 per cent. interest on each dollar.

*Sec. 3.* Any member or members failing to pay the sum, after sufficient notice shall have been given

him or her, the Tabernacle shall have power to suspend or expel all until the whole is paid up.

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### ARTICLE IX.—*Funeral Benefits.*

*Section 1.* It shall be the duty of the proper officers, as soon as the death of a member is made known to them, to make all the necessary arrangements for the depositing of the deceased member forthwith. The Tabernacle shall pay all funeral expenses within thirty days thereafter.

*Sec. 2.* Should a member decease, belonging to this Order, \$30, not exceeding \$40, will be paid to defray the funeral expenses, within thirty days thereafter.

*Sec. 3.* Should a member be buried by another Association, the same will be paid to the family or legal representatives, or whomsoever he or she may will it to; and within thirty days thereafter each and every member shall pay the tax of 25 cents for widow's or widower's dues, or the same amount of dues paid over to the legal representatives.

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### ARTICLE X.—*Fines of Officers and Members.*

*Section 1.* All fines and taxes shall be collected within thirty days, or be deducted from their monthly dues as a valid part.

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### ARTICLE XI.—*Applications for Membership.*

*Section 1.* Any person wishing to become a member of this Order shall send an application in writing, with name, age, residence and occupation, accompanied by the initiation fee.



*Sec. 2.* All applications for membership shall be presented by members of the Lodge, and they shall be vouchers for the same.

*Sec. 3.* Any members who may vouch for a candidate whom they do not know to be a proper person to become a member of the Order, may, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$10, or suspended, or expelled, as the Lodge may determine at any regular meeting.

*Sec. 4.* No person can become a member of this Order under fifteen years of age, and not over fifty years, and for no less sum than 50 cents, nor more than \$10.

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## ARTICLE XII.—*Monthly Dues.*

*Section 1.* Each and every member shall pay 50 cents per month contribution, and each Tabernacle shall commence their monthly dues the first meeting night in the month after their initiation.

*Sec. 2.* The Scribes shall receive the sum of 50 cents monthly for their various services, as contribution.

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## ARTICLE XIII.

### *Peace and Harmony of the S. T.*

*Section 1.* No member shall be allowed to disturb the peace and harmony of a Lodge when in the lawful pursuits of its duty. Neither talking, walking, laughing, stamping or sleeping, on pain of being fined 12 cents for each of the above offences.

*Sec. 2.* Neither shall a member use any profane language in a Tabernacle or frivolous conversation;

neither shall there be any quarreling or abusive language, or disobedience of their superior officers. The fines for such offences shall be from 25 cents to \$5, or suspended for the evening; afterwards dealt with as the laws of the Lodge may determine.

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## ARTICLE XIV.

*Section 1.* Any members who may wilfully or maliciously violate their oath and obligation, and they be convicted thereof, after a fair trial, shall be fined, or silenced, or suspended, or expelled, as may be determined by a vote of the majority of the Lodge.

*Sec. 2.* Any members who may be convicted and expelled, as the Lodge may determine, for any offences or violations of the law of the Order or obligations, and feeling themselves unjustly dealt with, may make an appeal to the Temple or S. Council, whose decision shall be final.

*Sec. 3.* Any members who may be summoned or notified to appear for trial for any charge or offence against them, and failing to appear at the time and place appointed, the case may be tried as if the member were present, and shall have a fair trial; and also they must have from three to nine days' notice previous to trial.

*Sec. 4.* It shall be in the power of the S. Tabernacle to try all cases therein that may be committed, except it be an officer, whose charges shall be presented to the Grand Council or to the Grand Temple.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Section 1.* Notice shall be sent by the M. R. W. A. S. C. Scribe to each Tabernacle of the suspension or expulsion of any members and rejected candidates. Any Tabernacle receiving an expelled member or rejected candidate, without the consent of the S. C., shall be fined no less than \$5 nor more than \$10, or suspended, or expelled, as may be determined.

*Sec. 2.* Each Tabernacle shall make out its reports, and report the same to the G. T. or G. S. C. Council.

## ARTICLE XVI.

*Section 1* It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare and forward to the G. S. the result of the election of officers and the degrees given, and it be accompanied with the quarterly taxes—1 cent on the dollar from the general funds, and 3 cents quarterly for each member, also 5 cents for each initiation in the last quarter, and the account of general funds.

*Sec. 2.* The sum of \$1 will be required from each and every Tabernacle for the installation of officers, with the list of financial and unfinancial members and members deceased. Any Tabernacle failing or neglecting to make out the above returns shall be fined \$2 50.

## CHAPTER XVII.—G. T. H.

*Section 1.* The G. Temple House shall be composed of all past officers, and any member in good

standing in the S. Tabernacle to which they belong, and have taken seven degrees, may become a member of the G. T. H. by paying the sum of 50 cents.

*Sec. 2.* The G. T. shall hold its meetings on or before the 15th of each quarter, for the reception of their several reports and the trials of their subordinate officers, and such other business as may come before the T. H. Officers shall have power to call special meetings or sessions when they may deem it necessary.

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### ARTICLE XVIII.—*Raising S. T.*

*Section 1.* Any worthy members making an application to the S. S. Council for the organization of a new Order, it shall be granted to them, and they will be paid the sum of 25 cents for each subordinate officer.

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### ARTICLE XIX.—*S. G. Council's Decisions.*

*Section 1.* All dispensations, charts, constitutions, laws and regulations, for the government of Sub-Tabernacles or Temple Houses, shall be issued from the S. G. Council.

*Sec. 2.* The Temple, by the decision of the S. G. Council, may deputize an Installing Master for the Sub-Tabernacle, and under its jurisdiction.

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### ARTICLE XX.

*Section 1.* It shall be the duty of every member to give the Recording Secretary a statement of his or her removal, within two weeks, and for neglect shall be fined 12 cents.

*Sec. 2.* It shall be the duty of the R. S. to note down the residence of each member in a book kept for that purpose, and shall be fined 12 cents for neglect of duty.

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## ARTICLE XXI.—*Duties of Officers.*

*Section 1.* It shall be the duty of the M. R. W. A. S. Master to preside at all meetings, stated and special, of the Lodge, and force a due observance of the laws and order of the same; he shall decide all questions of debate in his Lodge, and see that all officers perform the duties enjoined upon them in their Lodge; he shall decide all questions of order without debate, and in cases of balloting for candidates or members the S. M. shall be the inspector and announce the result of the votes to the Lodge, and appoint all committees.

*Sec. 2* The M. R. W. A. P. and S. Masters, the Mother of Israel, C. Scribe, C. H. Priest, Queen of Saints and the Queen of Virgins, in conjunction with the S. Master, to be the Visiting Committee of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit a member reported sick, within twenty-four hours after receiving information of the same, and continue to render, during sickness, such aid as the law requires.

*Sec. 3.* No member is to be visited who has an insidious disease, or who resides where insidious and infectious diseases are known by the properly authorized Visiting Committee of the Lodge to exist.

*Sec. 4.* Should it become necessary for members to sit up with the sick, the Visiting Committee shall notify two to sit up every evening, as their names

stand on the list—brothers with brothers, and sisters with sisters. Committees neglecting this duty shall pay a fine of not less than 50 cents nor more than \$5. Any member refusing or neglecting to sit up with the sick, or turn out, when notified, shall pay a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$5, unless said member be sick, lame, more than three miles from the place appointed, or absent from the city.

*Sec. 5.* Any member who may be found imposing upon a Lodge by feigning sickness, or receiving relief under false pretences, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine. If any member knows that a fellow member of the Lodge is imposing on any Lodge, or violating any part of the foregoing Constitution or the By-laws, and neglecting to give notice to the proper officers, such member shall be fined 50 cents for every such neglect of duty. Any member wilfully violating his or her obligations shall be fined from \$5 to \$20, or suspended or expelled.

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## ARTICLE XXII.—*Duties of Officers.*

### SECRETARIES.

*Section 1.* The Secretaries shall regularly attend all stated and special meetings of the Tabernacle.

*Sec. 2.* The Chaplain Scribe shall have the care of the seal of the Lodge, and be responsible for the same. The Financial Scribe shall collect all dues, fees and fines of the members, and keep a fair and impartial account with each and every member, in a book provided for that purpose; he shall sign all constitutional drafts, &c., fill up all certificates and



cards granted by the Lodge, and shall at every stated meeting have already prepared a correct statement of the accounts of every member of the Lodge, and pay all monies he may receive immediately over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and at the end of his term (three months) notify each member who is known to be six months in arrears of the amount due by him to the Lodge, adding thereto ten cents for the benefit of the general funds. He shall also make out for the Tabernacle a full statement of all monies received and paid over to the Treasurer, and deliver up to his successor all books, papers or other property belonging to the Tabernacle in his charge or possession.

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*Sec. 3.* It shall be his duty to overlook the books, see that they are properly kept, keep an absentee roll book, attend and keep an account of the initiation money, and keep in his care and possession the grand seal of the Lodge. The Chaplain Scribe, with the Recording S., shall give immediate notice to the G. Temple H. or to the S. G. Council of the suspension or expulsion of members, and shall assist the F. S. in performing his various duties, the rejection of candidates, and, if necessary, the C. S. shall alternate regularly with the F. S. They shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Tabernacle, issue all summons and notices required by the same, write all communications by order of the Tabernacle, and perform all other duties required by law and the nature of their office, and at the end of their term shall make out a full report of such



transactions as appertain to their office, and also deliver up to their successors all books, papers, &c., belonging to the Tabernacle.

*Sec. 4.* In case of the absence of either of the Secretaries, he shall send notice thereof to the S. R. M., together with the books and papers in his possession necessary for the transaction of business, whereupon the S. R. M. shall appoint a Secretary *pro tem.* in his stead, and all business shall be disposed of as before specified.

*Sec. 5.* All quarterly reports, either of the Secretary or Treasurer, containing the receipts of monies in any way belonging to the Tabernacle, shall be embodied in a book kept for that purpose by each of them in their respective capacities, and presented in no other way at the end of their official terms.

*Sec. 6* In the Treasurer's absence the C. Scribe shall receipt for the sums received to the S. R. M.

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### ARTICLE XXIII.—*Duties of Treasurer.*

*Section 1.* The Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute to the S. R. M. and S. C. a bond in sufficient penalty, with at least two securities, to be appointed by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duty. He shall receive and safely keep the monies and funds of the same, and make such investments from time to time as the Lodge may require. He shall pay all orders of the Lodge drawn on him by the F. S. or C. S. under seal of the Lodge and duly signed by the S. R. M. He shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner, showing the sources and

amounts of receipts, with the purposes of and amount of disbursements. His books shall be open for the inspection of any committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, and at the end of each quarter he shall have his accounts closed, and shall submit a full statement thereof to the Lodge, and deliver up, when legally called upon, in presence of the S. M., all books, bonds, monies and papers, belonging to the Lodge, to his successor, or to whomsoever the Lodge may specially appoint as receivers, under pain of suspension or expulsion, as well as forfeiting the penalty of his bond.

*Sec. 2.* In the event of the Treasurer's death, the receipts and accounts of the Secretaries shall be sufficient vouchers.

## BY-LAWS.

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*Section 1.* When the Presiding Officer takes the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence, under the penalty of a public reprimand.

*Sec. 2* When the S. R. M. is stating a question or addressing the Lodge, when a brother is speaking, or the Secretary reading, no one shall go out of or cross the room, nor in such cases shall private discourses be permitted, except by consent of the Chair.

*Sec. 3.* No member shall disturb another while speaking, unless to call to order, or stand up to interrupt, or when a member is speaking pass between the speaker and the Chair.

*Sec. 4.* Every member when speaking shall stand up and respectfully address the Chair, and at the conclusion of his remarks shall sit down, nor shall any be permitted to speak or vote upon any question before the Lodge unless clothed in suitable regalia.

*Sec. 5.* If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the S. R. M. shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

*Sec. 6.* No member shall speak more than five minutes at a time or more than twice on the same subject, without permission of the S. R. M.; and if a member while speaking shall be called to order,

either by the S. R. M. or any other member of the Lodge, the speaker shall cease his remarks and sit down until the question of order is determined and permission is given to proceed.

*Sec. 7.* Any member misbehaving at a meeting of the Lodge, and disturbing the order and harmony of the same, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language or conduct, or by refusing obedience to the superior officers, shall be duly admonished by the Chair, and if such member should again offend, shall be suspended from the room for the evening, and afterward dealt with according to the laws of the Lodge.

*Sec. 8.* Any member who may be expelled, or who neglects to pay all dues and arrearages to the Tabernacle for twelve months, shall forfeit all claims and privileges of the Order.

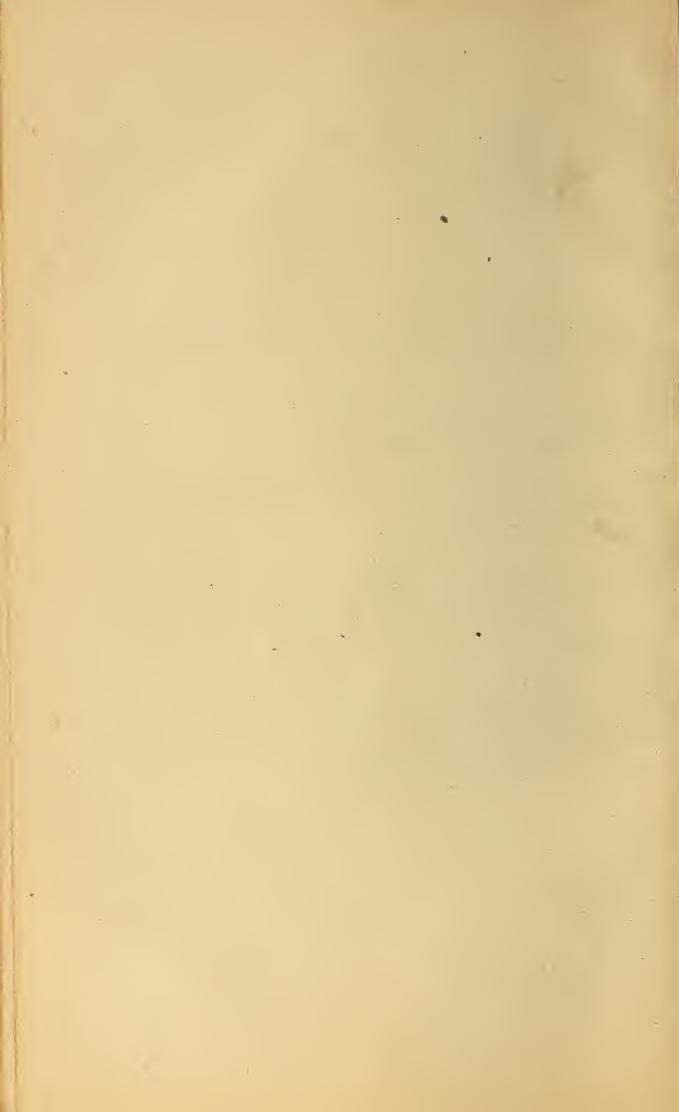
*Sec. 9.* The sum of \$15 will be required for organizing a new Lodge, if in the city of Baltimore; if out of the city or State, from \$21 to \$25, together with traveling expenses.

*Sec. 10.* Such amendments as may be necessary to the welfare of the Order may be adopted by the S. C., or approved by them before it can become a law.

## TABLE OF FINES.

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S. T. failing to install in time,	- - - -	\$2.50
Voting for improper persons, from	\$1.00 to \$10.00	
Violating Article 13, from	- - 12 cents to \$5.00	
Violating Article 15, from	- - \$5.00 to \$10.00	
S. T. not reporting, from	- - 50 cents to \$2.00	
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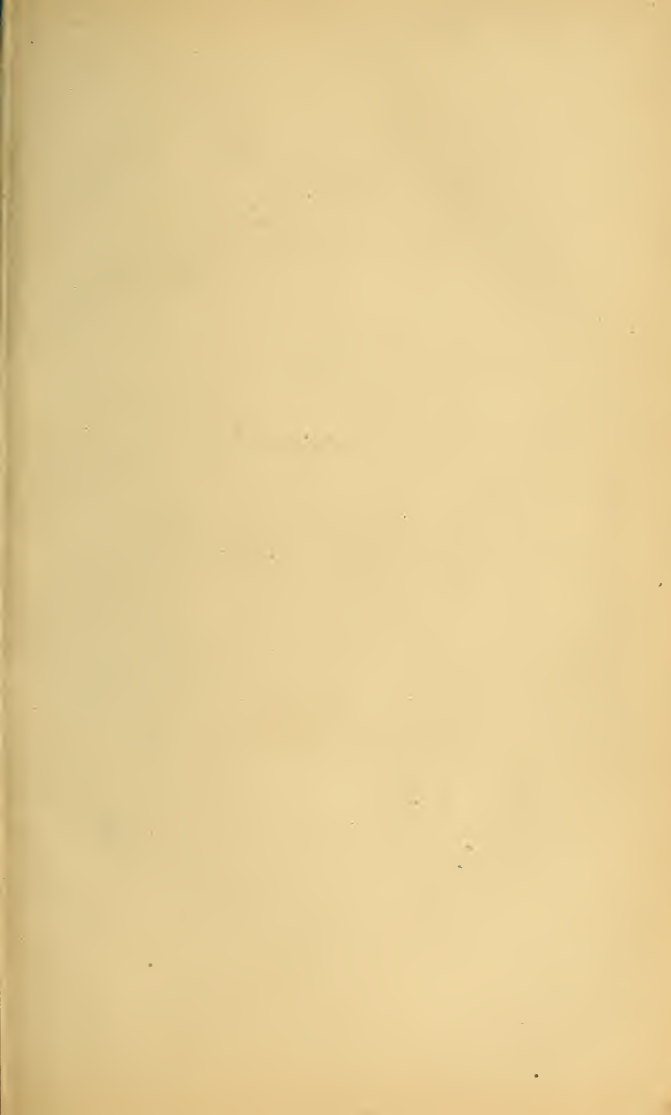
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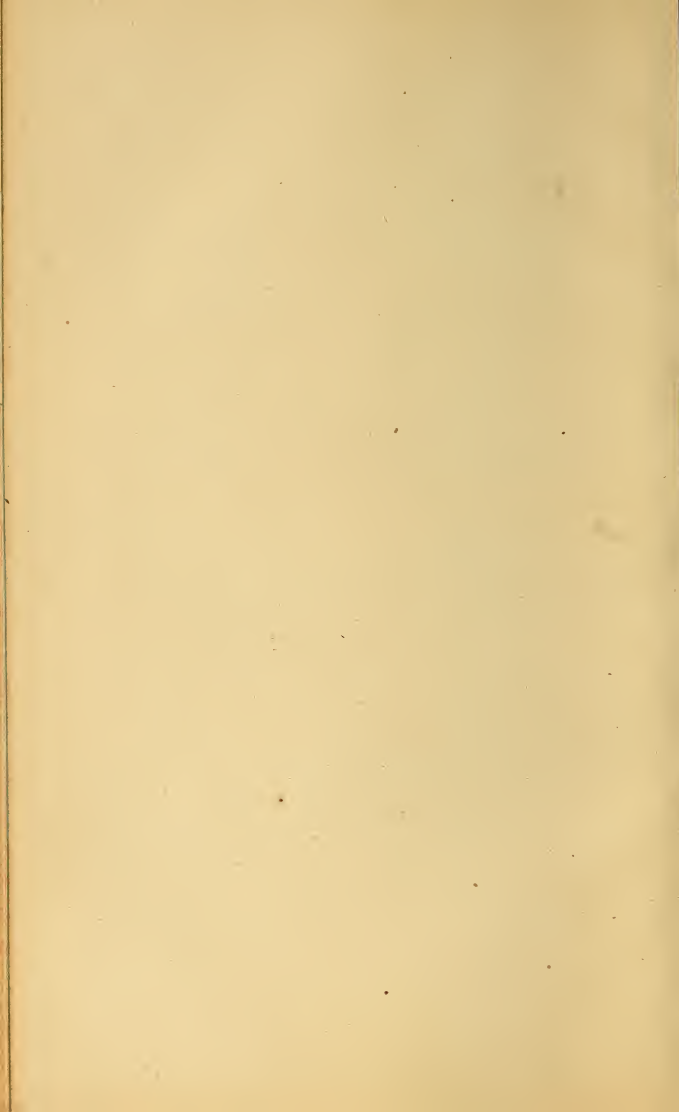
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